Subject No. 37.

Refund of deposit amounts in Revenue sales.

Messrs. T. M. Ramachandra Rao, Bowringpet Taluk and M. V. Ramalinga Chetty, Bowringpet Municipality.

Mr. M. V. Ramalinga Chetty.—People who purchase lands in revenue sales have to pay the money immediately after the purchase but the sales are not confirmed for years together. Till then, the purchaser enjoys neither the land nor any other benefit from the money he has spent. It does not fetch him any interest. So, if revenue sales are set aside, the money paid by the purchaser should be returned with interest at 12 per cent.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 38.

Sale proceeds of lands to be credited to Treasury after the sales are confirmed.

Messrs. Gopalappa, Challakere Taluk and Venkata Rao, Jagalur Taluk.

According to the existing rules, the sale proceeds of the lands are credited to Treasuries. It often takes a long time before the sale is confirmed. If for some reason or other the sale is cancelled, higher authorities have to be petitioned to for the refund of the money which may also take a long time. So sale proceeds may be ordered to be kept in deposit until the confirmation of the sale so that if the sale is cancelled the money may be returned at once to the party.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 39.

Providing funds for the annual repairs of village roads.

Mr. Srinivasa Udupa, Nagar Taluk.

Messrs. Srinivasa Udupa and Hoskoppa Krishna Rao.—The roads constructed out of the funds of the Malnad Improvement Committee are now in utter disrepair and will be rendered altogether useless if neglected for some more years. The annual repair and maintenance of these roads do not form part of the Malnad Improvement programme. District Boards have not enough funds to maintain even those roads which have a legitimate claim on their funds and much less can they attend to the repairs of these roads. So, if it is the intention of Government that District Boards should take up the work, additional grants for the purpose are necessary so long as the Malnad Improvment work continues or, at any rate, for five years to come. People in the Malnad have not yet realized either the usefulness of these roads or their own responsibility in the matter; and, in view of the large amount of money already spent on these roads and also of the fact that any new roads that may be considered necessary in future can only be constructed by means of loans to be specially raised for the purpose, some provision may be made for the maintenance of the village roads. The present grants to District Boards are insufficient and the Kadur District Board, for instance, have passed a resolution that, unless a lakh of rupees is given, the work of road maintenance cannot be taken up by them.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao and Venkatesaiya—Further these roads were not constructed after consultation with the District Boards and they are not prepared, therefore, to take up this responsibility.

First Member of Council.—This is a responsibility that District Boards ought to take upon themselves. If grants are insufficient, Government will be glad to consider any resolutions that may be submitted by District Boards or Improvement Committees asking for additional grants.

Dewan.—May be discussed in the Malnad Improvement Committee.

SUBJECT No. 40.

Exemption of loans given to District Boards from Income-tax.

Mr. A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Mr. Suryanarayana Setty.—Loans have to be raised by District Boards for carrying out big works. If income-tax is levied on such loans, they will not be forthcoming in future. We therefore request that such loans be exempted from income-tax till the State Loan is current.

Dewan.—Government have passed orders to the effect that such loans will be exempted from income-tax for a period of five years. The question of further extension of the period will be considered at the end of that period, if necessary.

SUBJECT No. 41.

Amendment of section 68 of the Land Revenue Code so as to include the name of a direct descendant in the place of a deceased joint *pattadar*.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Note.—Discussed along with Subject No. 35.

SUBJECT No. 42.

Appointment of *Panchayets* for every *hanta* of lands under river-fed channels in charge of Manegars and Sub-Overseers.

Mr. G. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. G. Ramaswamiengar.—This question was brought up at the October Session of last year but not considered. Panchyets may be established for every river-fed channel in charge of Manegars and Sub-Overseers just as in the case of minor tanks.

Dewan.—Will be tried in suitable places.

SUBJECT No. 43.

Reduction in size of Patta books.

Mr. Venkata Rao, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Vema Reddy.—(In the absence of the mover) Raiyats' *Patta* Books may be printed in a small book form containing about 12 pages. The existing books being unwieldy will be spoilt and torn very soon.

Dewan.—Will be considered when new forms are issued.